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Serial No.: 09/658,763 ✓ )

Art Unit: 1771 ✓ )

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For: ✓ Abrasion Resistant And  
Drapeable Nonwoven  
Fabric )

### AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

#### In The Claims

Please amend the following claims:

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12. (Twice Amended) A durable nonwoven fabric, comprising:
- a) a precursor web comprising polyester fibers;
  - b) said precursor web being imaged and patterned by hydroentanglement on a three-dimensional image transfer device to form a nonwoven fabric;
  - c) said nonwoven fabric receiving a substantially uniform, saturation application of a pre-dye finish followed by a curing step, said finish being formulated and applied in a sufficient quantity to enhance abrasion resistance properties of said nonwoven fabric;
  - d) dyeing of said nonwoven fabric;
  - e) the resulting nonwoven fabric exhibiting a final basis weight of between about 2.0 ounces and 6.0 ounces, a Martindale Abrasion Value of at least 50,000 cycles, a combined